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Applicant(s): Ding et al.

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For: THERMAL TOLERANT  
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CELLULOLYTICUS

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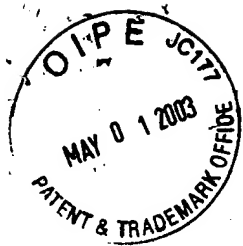
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